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Ms. Rebecca Hough
Report Analysis Division
Federal Election Commission

Dear Ms. Hough:

This is in regards to your letter from May 18, 2011, a copy of which I have attached. I received your letter at my personal address likely because the Cardarelli for Congress campaign closed our P.O. Box back in January 2011 as part of the campaign shutdown process.

Although the letter is addressed to Mr. Police, our campaign treasurer, he is currently out of the country on vacation and due to the seemingly urgent nature of your request I thought it would be best to answer it at least in a provisional manner until Mr. Police is back in the country.

I am mostly sure that the negative balance that you refer to in your letter is the unwilling consequence of a mathematical mistake. I base that conclusion on the fact that the account in question was completely closed in December 2010. At the time of closure (12/07/2010) the remaining funds in the campaign account totaled \$20,000. I know because on 12/06/2010 I transferred that exact amount via a check into my personal bank account at a different institution, as partial reimbursement for my large self-loan to the funding of the campaign. I will certainly check with the treasurer but I do not see how a bank would allow me to transfer such a large amount of money when the account was on the red and we had no overdraft protection.

I hope this answers your question. Be certain that I will send copies of your letter and my answer to Mr. Police.

Most Sincerely



Marcelo Cardarelli, MD., MPH.

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